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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU VISIT TO PYONGYANG

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1. SUMMARY. CEAUSESCU'S FIRST VISIT TO PYONGYANG FOR SEVEN YEARS DREW AN EXCEPTIONALLY WARM WELCOME. TALKS WERE EXTENSIVE AND REPORTEDLY LED TO "COMPLETE IDENTITY" OF VIEWS. STATEMENTS ON THE KOREAN QUESTION WERE STRONG BUT UNSURPRISING, AND SPECIFICS ON THE EXTENSIVE ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC DISCUSSIONS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. WE WILL BE INTERESTED TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY SOVIET REACTION TO THE REPEATED DENUNCIATION OF "DOMINATIONISM", A POSSIBLE EUPHEMISM FOR  
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THEIR BIGBEAR "HEGEMONY".

2. ROMANIAN PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUSESCU VISITED NORTH KOREA FROM MAY 20 TO 23, THE FIRST VISIT TO NORTH KOREA BY CEAUSESCU IN SEVEN YEARS. PYONGYANG ACCORDED HIM ONE OF THE WARMEST AND LARGEST WELCOMES EVER AFFORDED A STATE VISITOR. KIM IL SUNG HOSTED A BANQUET FOR CEAUSESCU

AND HIS WIFE ON THE EVENING OF MAY 20, ON MAY 21 A MASS RALLY WAS HELD WHICH OVER 100,000 ATTENDED, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM PYONGYANG, AND MAY 22, KIM HOSTED BOTH A LUNCHEON AND A DINNER. ACCORDING TO PYONGYANG REPORTS, TENS OF THOUSANDS LINED THE STREETS TO THE AIRPORT ON MAY 23 WHEN CEAUSESCU DEPARTED; AT THE AIRPORT, THOUSANDS WERE REPORTED DANCING AND BANDS WERE PLAYING.

3. BOTH KIM AND CEAUSESCU DELIVERED SPEECHES AT THE BANQUET AND THE MASS RALLY. THERE WAS NOT MUCH OF SIGNIFICANCE IN THE SPEECHES AS BOTH SIDES HERALDED THE OTHER'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND STATED SUPPORT FOR THE NON-ALIGNED AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. BOTH CONDEMNED IMPERIALIST FORCES, OLD AND NEW COLONIALISM, AND "DOMINATIONISM", A TERM THAT MAY BE DESIGNED TO IMPLY REFERENCE TO THE SOVIET UNION.

4. CEAUSESCU PAID A CALL ON KIM ON THE 20TH, KIM RETURNED THE CALL ON THE 21ST AND THEY HELD SUBSTANTIVE TALKS ON THE 22ND. FROM THE REPORTS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MEETINGS AND TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS WERE SOMEWHAT MORE EXTENSIVE THAN WOULD NORMALLY BE EXPECTED. AN INFORMATION STATEMENT ON THE VISIT WAS RELEASED IN PYONGYANG ON MAY 23 AND A JOINT STATEMENT ON "DEEPENING FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPING FRATERNAL CONFIDENTIAL

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COOPERATION" ALSO WAS ISSUED ON THE 23RD. AN AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN TOURISM AND A PROTOCOL ON COMMODITY DELIVERY AND PAYMENTS FOR 1979 WERE SIGNED.

5. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ECONOMICS, AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WERE TWO OF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION STATEMENT, BOTH THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTERS FOR EXTERNAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WERE PRESENT AT THE TALKS. ON THE KOREAN SIDE, THE CHIEF ECONOMISTS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT -- YI CHONG OK, KYE UNG TAE AND KONG CHIN TAE -- WERE PRESENT. ON THE ROMANIAN SIDE, CORNEL BURTICA, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION ATTENDED. BOTH ECONOMICS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES WERE PROBABLY HIGH ON THE LIST OF PRIORITIES FOR PYONGYANG IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

6. THE GRAND TREATMENT ACCORDED CEAUSESCU PROBABLY WAS PARTLY AN EFFORT ON THE PART OF PYONGYANG TO KEEP ROMANIA SOLIDLY BEHIND PYONGYANG'S INTERNATIONAL POSITION ON REUNIFICATION AND TO BOLSTER ROMANIAN SUPPORT FOR PYONGYANG WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

CEAUSESCU IN HIS SPEECHES AVIDLY SUPPORTED PYONGYANG'S PROPOSALS FOR REUNIFICATION AND STRESSED THE THEME OF PEACE AND PEACEFUL WAYS OF SOLVING INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES. IN THE JOINT STATEMENT, REUNIFICATION OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA ON THE BASIS OF NORTH KOREA'S FIVE POINT POLICY OF NATIONAL REUNIFICATION WAS SOLIDLY SUPPORTED. THE JOINT STATEMENT ALSO "GAVE SUPPORT TO AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE IN THEIR PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE FOR THE RIGHT TO EXISTENCE, THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF SOCIETY AND THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY".

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7. SEVERAL OTHER POINTS IN THE JOINT STATEMENT MAY BE NOTEWORTHY. THE PHRASE "PROMOTING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES AND THE TWO STATES IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE" SUGGESTS THAT NORTH KOREA'S ROLE INTERNATIONALLY, ITS ROLE IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, AND POSSIBLY VARIOUS MEANS FOR TALKS ON REUNIFICATION WERE DISCUSSED. IN ADDITION, THE ROMANIAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DECLARED THEIR INTENTION: "TO CONTINUE WITH ACTIVITIES IN THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL

ORGANS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES FOR REALIZING THE FAIR AND REASONABLE PROPOSALS OF THE KWP AND THE DPRK FOR THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY." THUS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE TALKS BETWEEN KIM AND CEAUSESCU, WENT WELL AND THERE WAS A GENERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETING OF MINDS ON MOST ISSUES. THE INFORMATION RELEASE STATED THAT "BOTH SIDES REACHED A COMPLETE IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON THE PROBLEMS DISCUSSED."

8. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE TERM "DOMINATIONIST" AND "DOMINATIONISM" WERE USED BY BOTH KIM AND CEAUSESCU IN THEIR SPEECHES AS WELL AS IN THE FINAL JOINT STATEMENT. IF THE USE OF THE TERM BY KIM DURING THE UA KUO FENG VISIT AND NOW AGAIN DURING THE CEAUSESCU VISIT IS IN FACE A NEW EUPHEMISM DIRECTED AT THE USSR, MOSCOW MAY BE LOOKING UPON NORTH KOREA WITH INCREASING DISFAVOR. WE WILL BE INTERESTED TO SEE WHAT SOVIET REACTIONS EMERGE.  
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